



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 946

January Session, 2003

**AN ACT CONCERNING CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECKS FOR
EMPLOYEES WHO WORK WITH PERSONS WITH MENTAL
RETARDATION.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) (a) The Commissioner of
2 Mental Retardation shall require each applicant for employment in a
3 Department of Mental Retardation program that provides direct
4 services to persons with mental retardation to submit to state and
5 national criminal history records checks.
- 6 (b) Private sector service providers under contract with or licensed
7 by the department to provide residential, day or support services to
8 persons with mental retardation may require each applicant for
9 employment who will have direct and ongoing contact with persons
10 and families receiving such services to submit to state and national
11 criminal history records checks. If the department requires such
12 providers to have such applicants submit to such criminal history
13 records checks, the department shall reimburse such providers for the
14 fees charged for conducting such checks.
- 15 (c) If criminal history records checks are conducted, no applicant
16 shall be hired by the department or a private sector service provider
17 until the results of such criminal history records checks are available.
- 18 (d) The criminal history records checks required pursuant to this

19 section shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of section
20 29-17a of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
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PH Joint Favorable Subst. C/R JUD

JUD *Joint Favorable Subst.*

APP *Joint Favorable*